

## Certified Validation Report

### Audit Information:

Water Supplier Name: City of Petaluma

PWS ID: 4910006

System Type: Potable

Audit Period: Calendar year 2018

Utility Representation: Chelsea Thompson, Dan Herrera

Validation Date: 9/12/2019

### Validation Findings & Confirmation Statement:

#### Key Audit Metrics:

Data Validity Score: 64

Data Validity Band (Level): Band III (51-70)

ILI: 2.11

Real Loss: 27.56 (gal/conn/day)

Apparent Loss: 8.39 (gal/conn.day)

Non-revenue water as percent of cost of operating system: 12.0%

#### Certification Statement by Validator:

This water loss audit report has been Level 1 validated per the requirements of California Code of Regulations Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 7 and the California Water Code Section 10608.34.

All recommendations on volume derivation and Data Validity Grades were incorporated into the water audit. ☒

*If not, rejected recommendations are included here.*

### Validator Information:

Water Audit Validator: Gregory Plumb

Qualifications: Certified California Water Audit Validator, CA-NV AWWA

## Level 1 Water Audit Validation Notes

September 12, 2019

Utility	Validator
Utility Name: City of Petaluma Utility Contact: Chelsea Thompson	Validator: Gregory Plumb, Sonoma Water Validator Qualifications: Water Audit Validator Certificate from the AWWA California Nevada Section

#	AWWA Water Audit Input	Final DVG	Confirmation of Input Derivation	Confirmation of Data Validity Grade Assignment
1	Volume from Own Sources (VOS)	N/A	Supply meter profile: Zero of 15 wells operated in 2018	Percent of VOS metered: 100% Signal calibration frequency: None Volumetric testing frequency: None Volumetric testing method: N/A Percent of VOS tested and/or calibrated: N/A Comments: DVG limited to 3 as no testing or calibration
2	VOS Master Meter & Supply Error Adjustment (VOS MMSEA)	N/A	Adjustment basis: Blank – no test data	Supply meter read frequency: Continuous via SCADA with daily to weekly manual reads as a backup Supply meter read method: Automatic logging via SCADA Frequency of data review: Weekly Storage level monitoring frequency: Yes Comments: DVG limited to 3 as tank/storage elevation changes are not employed in calculating VOS

#	AWWA Water Audit Input	Final DVG	Confirmation of Input Derivation	Confirmation of Data Validity Grade Assignment
3	Water Imported (WI)	7	<p>Import meter profile: WI from Sonoma Water</p> <p>WI data source: AMI</p> <p>Comments: Taken from Sonoma Water invoices as provided by connection.</p>	<p>Percent of WI metered: 100%</p> <p>Signal calibration frequency: No calibration reports</p> <p>Volumetric testing frequency: Annual</p> <p>Volumetric testing method: Comparative meter tests</p> <p>Percent of WI tested and/or calibrated: 100%</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited to 7 as no calibration report</p>
4	WI Master Meter & Supply Error Adjustment (WI MMSEA)	N/A	Adjustment basis: Bench test – value not used since not in-situ	<p>Import meter read frequency: Continuous</p> <p>Import meter read method: AMI</p> <p>Frequency of data review: AMI has alerts for data outside typical ranges facilitating daily review</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited as Sonoma Water review protocols not detailed.</p>
5	Water Exported (WE)	N/A	No emergency tie ins	
6	WE Master Meter & Supply Error Adjustment (WE MMSEA)	N/A		
7	Billed Metered Authorized Consumption (BMAC)	5	<p>Customer meters &amp; reads profile:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Age profile: AMR conversion almost completed, started about 8-years ago. Replacements in mid-2000's so 10-15 yrs old</li> <li>- Reading System: &gt;95% AMR</li> <li>- Read frequency: Monthly</li> </ul>	<p>Percent of customers metered: 100%</p> <p>Small meter testing policy: Reactive – complaint based or flagged-consumption</p> <p>Number of small meters tested/year: Not quantified</p>



#	AWWA Water Audit Input	Final DVG	Confirmation of Input Derivation	Confirmation of Data Validity Grade Assignment
			<p>Comments: No lag time correction. Confirmed input derivation from source data.</p>	<p>Large meter testing policy: Reactive – complaint based or flagged-consumption.</p> <p>Number of large meters tested/year: No quantified</p> <p>Meter replacement policy: Upon failure since project completed in 2014</p> <p>Number of replacements/year: Not quantified</p> <p>Billing data auditing practice: Standard billing QC, plus review of volumes by use type each billing cycle</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited to 5 as no meter testing conducted.</p> <p>Considering implementing meter testing program on large meters 3" and larger in the future</p>
8	Billed Unmetered Authorized Consumption (BUAC)	10	<p>Billed unmetered profile: Water field office stand pipe for water trucks.</p> <p>Customer brings in a sheet to the office reporting their water use according to an honor-system</p> <p>Input derivation: Direct estimate</p> <p>Comments: 290 HCF rounded to 0.22 MG</p>	<p>Policy for metering exemptions: Limited to one use</p> <p>Comments: Small volume, single use, directly estimated in a site specific manner</p>
9	Unbilled Metered Authorized Consumption (UMAC)	N/A		

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10	Unbilled Unmetered Authorized Consumption (UUAC)	7	<p>Unbilled unmetered profile: Flushing, fire, sweeper/vac uses</p> <p>Input derivation if estimated: Incident log used to report incidents, data from SCADA or estimated</p> <p>Comments: None</p>	<p>Default of adjusted default applied: Value based on records kept by operator for fire hydrants</p> <p>Completeness of documentation:</p> <p>Comments: DVG 7 as not all water uses captured</p>
11	Unauthorized Consumption (UC)	5	<p>Default applied? Yes</p>	<p>Comments: None</p>
12	Customer Metering Inaccuracies (CMI)	1	<p>Input derivation: Rudimentary estimate increased from 1% to 2% due to meter age profile of 10-15 years</p> <p>Comments: N/A</p>	<p>Characterization of meter testing: Limited – upon request AND consumption flag</p> <p>Characterization of meter replacement: Limited - failure</p> <p>Comments: DVG based on no testing and rough estimate %</p>
13	Systematic Data Handling Errors (SDHE)	5	<p>Input derivation: Default value applied</p>	
14	Length of Mains (Lm)	7	<p>Input derivation: Totaled from GIS map</p> <p>Hydrant lateral length included: Yes</p> <p>Comments: Can increase to 8 for 2019 since Lucity now in place</p>	<p>Mapping format: Digital</p> <p>Asset management database: Lucity</p> <p>Map updates &amp; field validation: Accomplished through normal work order processes</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited by no asset management system.</p>



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15	Number of Active and Inactive Service Connections (Ns)	5	<p>Input derivation: Standard report from billing system. Possible that this is a count of meters. Extent of meter-lateral count variance, as well as quantification of inactive laterals unknown</p> <p>Comments: GIS inventory has a difference of about 500</p>	<p>CIS updates &amp; field validation: Accomplished through meter reading processes</p> <p>Estimated error of total count within: within 5%</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited by verification of query basis to get true lateral count and estimated error</p>
16	Average Length of Customer Service Line (Lp)	10	<p>Are customer meters at the curbstop? Yes</p> <p>Comments: Default applied</p>	
17	Average Operating Pressure (AOP)	4	<p>Number of zones, general profile: 5 zones, 1 &amp; 4 function similarly, 2, 3, and 5 are on varying HGLs</p> <p>Typical pressure range: 30 – 90 PSI</p> <p>Input derivation: Inferred from observations of pressure readings in field or review of pressure measurements</p> <p>Comments: Average of the top and bottom pressures from each zone. Limited by PRVs at turnouts into system so pressure per zone is fairly constant.</p>	<p>Extent of static pressure data collection: Hydrant pressures during routine flushing and/or hydrant testing. SCADA data in each zone monitored continuously – tank sites and incoming and outgoing pressures.</p> <p>Characterization of real-time pressure data collection: Basic telemetry or pressure logging at boundary points</p> <p>Hydraulic model in place? Calibrated?: No</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited by extent of pressure data collection</p>

#	AWWA Water Audit Input	Final DVG	Confirmation of Input Derivation	Confirmation of Data Validity Grade Assignment
18	Total Operating Cost (TOC)	10	<p>Input derivation: From official financial reports</p> <p>Comments: Confirmed costs limited to water only, and water debt service, excludes CIP</p>	<p>Frequency of internal auditing: Annual</p> <p>Frequency of third-party CPA auditing: Annual</p> <p>Comments: None</p>
19	Customer Retail Unit Cost (CRUC)	4	<p>Input derivation: Average of fixed residential monthly charges and average of SFR tiers 1-4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sewer charges volumetric? Yes</li> <li>- Sewer charges included? No</li> </ul> <p>Changed from last year as previously didn't include fixed charges.</p> <p>Comments: Recommend to calculate as total consumptive water and sewer revenue divided by BMAC, converted to \$/CCF</p>	<p>Characterization of calculation: Selected simple average rate with sewer excluded. Input calculations not reviewed by M36 expert</p> <p>Comments: DVG limited to 4 by not using a volume weighted average residential rate</p>
20	Variable Production Cost (VPC)		<p>Supply profile: Mixed source portfolio, variable production cost valued at most expensive source.</p> <p>Direct variable costs included: Yes – purchase rate, water pumping, transmission/ distribution, divided by BMAC</p> <p>Secondary costs included: No</p> <p>Comments: None</p>	<p>Characterization of calculation: Primary costs only.</p> <p>Comments:</p>

**Key Audit Metrics**

VALIDITY	Date validity score: 64	Data Validity Band (Level): Band III (51-70)	
VOLUME	ILI: 2.11	Real Loss: 27.56 (gal/conn/day)	Apparent Loss: 8.39 (gal/conn/day)
VALUE		Annual Cost of Real Losses: \$817,581	Annual Cost of Apparent Losses: \$1,074,028

**Comments on Audit Metrics & Validity Improvements**

- Opportunities for improvement include:
  - o Customer meter testing
  - o Real loss component analysis to determine cost-effective leak detection strategy



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## Water Audit & Water Loss Improvement Steps:

Utility to provide steps taken in preceding year to increase data validity, reduce real loss and apparent loss as informed by the annual validated water audit:

City of Petaluma began to track incidents of real water loss for accurate tracking and reporting. Tracking includes water loss that occurs through fire hydrants, fire department use, leaks, main breaks, line flushing, etc.

## Certification Statement by Utility Executive:

This water loss audit report meets the requirements of California Code of Regulations Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 7 and the California Water Code Section 10608.34 and has been prepared in accordance with the method adopted by the American Water Works Association, as contained in their manual, *Water Audit and Loss Control Programs, Manual M36, Fourth Edition* and in the Free Water Audit Software version 5.

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Executive Position

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